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MINISTERIAL FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

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SUMMARY: AT JUNE 17 MEETING, NPG STAFF GROUP DISCUSSED
FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS TO THE OTTAWA MINISTERIAL MEETING,
INCLUDING CRUISE MISSILES, TNF MODERNIZATION, NIKE HERCU-
LES, TECHNOLOGY STUDY, WINTEX AND SELECTIVE EMPLOYMENT
PLANNING, AND REVIEWED POSSIBLE AGENDA TOPICS FOR THE
OCTOBER MINISTERIAL MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. AT JUNE 17 MEETING, NPG STAFF GROUP HELD INITIAL
DISCUSSION OF RESULTS OF THE OTTAWA NPG MEETING, REVIEWING
PERTINENT SECTIONS OF THE MINISTERIAL AGREED MINUTE
(REF A). THE FOLLOWING WERE THE PRINCIPAL POINTS OF
DISCUSSION:

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- (A) CRUISE MISSILES. UK REP (LEGGE), NOTING THE
DISCUSSIONS AT OTTAWA, ASKED FOR US VIEWS ON HANDLING OF
FURTHER CRUISE MISSILE DISCUSSIONS IN THE NAC. US REP
(WOODWORTH) SAID THE US CIRCULATED THE CRUISE MISSILE
PAPER IN THE NAC, WITH A VIEW TOWARD FURTHER STEPS BEING
WORKED OUT IN LIGHT OF ALLIED VIEWS AND DESIRES. DANISH

REP (JENSEN) ASKED IF THE NAC WOULD DISCUSS THE SUBJECT BEFORE SEPTEMBER. US REP SAID THAT WOULD BE UP TO THE NAC. FRG REP (MERKL) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES THOUGHT THE NPG SHOULD CONTINUE TO SHARE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, BUT THAT, FOR THE PRESENT, THE NPG WOULD BE IN A STANDBY POSITION PENDING FURTHER STEPS IN THE NAC.

- (B) TNF MODERNIZATION. CHAIRMAN (MENTZEL) SUGGESTED, CONSISTENT WITH US VIEWS IN REFS B AND C, THAT TNF WOULD BE HANDLED DIFFERENTLY FROM OTHER PRIORITY AREAS IN THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM. STAFF GROUP AGREED, ALTHOUGH NETHERLANDS REP (GOOSZEN) ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION WHETHER THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THE DPC IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTIVE (DPC/D(77)16) WOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER THE NPG AGREED MINUTE. THERE WAS CONSENSUS THAT WHILE THE NPG COULD BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE INPUTS TO THE INTERIM AND FINAL REPORTS CALLED FOR IN THE DPC DIRECTIVE, THE CONDUCT OF TNF PROGRAM WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISIONS OF NPG MINISTERS AT OTTAWA. STAFF GROUP WELCOMED US REP'S STATEMENT, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, THAT THE US PLANNED TO CIRCULATE AN OUTLINE FOR THE TNF PROGRAM DURING FIRST HALF OF SEPTEMBER. US REP ALSO CONCURRED THAT THE NPG COULD ANTICIPATE TNF BEING ON THE OCTOBER MINISTERIAL AGENDA. US REP ALSO SAID, IN RESPONSE TO FRG QUESTION, THAT HE THOUGHT THE US OUTLINE WOULD PROCEED FROM MUCH OF THE BACK-CONFIDENTIAL

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GROUND AND CONCEPTUAL MATERIAL IN THE 1976 US TNF IMPROVEMENTS PAPER.

- (C) NIKE HERCULES. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT, IN DUE COURSE, SYG LUNS COULD SEND A SHORT LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN, MC, REQUESTING SHAPE TO CARRY OUT THE FURTHER STUDY OF NIKE HERCULES REQUESTED IN PARA 7 OF THE AGREED MINUTE. STAFF GROUP AGREED WITH SHAPE REP (HEYDRICH) THAT THE AGREED MINUTE PROVIDED ADEQUATE GENERAL DIRECTION AND THERE WAS NO NEED TO DEVELOP TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE TASK. US REP SAID THAT TIMING AND CONTENT OF A LETTER FROM SYG LUNS TO THE CHAIRMAN, MC, SHOULD BE CLEARED BY NPG DELEGATIONS.

- (D) DUAL CAPABLE AIRCRAFT. DANISH REP SAID PARA 10 OF THE AGREED MINUTE RELATING TO MAINTENANCE OF ADEQUATE DUAL CAPABLE AIRCRAFT ON THE FLANKS WAS NOT CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT NATIONAL POLICY OF NORTHERN FLANK COUNTRIES (I.E., DENMARK AND NORWAY). CHAIRMAN AND SEVERAL REPS SUGGESTED THAT PARA 10 OF THE AGREED MINUTE SHOULD BE READ BROADLY TO ENCOMPASS THE AVAILABILITY OF DUAL AIRCRAFT CAPABILITY, AS REQUIRED,

IN A CRISIS.

- (E) TECHNOLOGY STUDY. UK REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES
THOUGHT THE NPG SHOULD RESTRICT ITSELF TO NUCLEAR MATTERS
IN ANY TECHNOLOGY FOLLOW-ON WORK. HE SUGGESTED THE
FULL STUDY PANEL MIGHT RECONVENE TO CONSIDER IN MORE
DETAIL THE FOLLOW-ON WORK ADDRESSED IN PARA 20 OF THE
AGREED MINUTE, AND FORWARD ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO
PERMREPS THROUGH THE STAFF GROUP. US REP SAID THAT UK
SUGGESTION WAS POSSIBLE BUT ALTERNATIVELY THE

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SUBJECT OF TECHNOLOGY FOLLOW-ON WORK COULD BE HANDLED
DIRECTLY IN A PERMREPS REPORT. HE NOTED THAT THE
DPC LONG TERM DEFENSE INITIATIVES INTRODUCED A NEW
ELEMENT WHICH DID NOT EXIST WHEN THE FULL STUDY
PANEL DEVELOPED ITS INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS. HE SAID
IT SEEMED REASONABLE TO SUPPOSE THAT MOST OF THE
LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAMS ADOPTED BY THE DPC WOULD NEED
TO ADDRESS THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF NEW TECHNOLOGY IN THEIR
RESPECTIVE AREAS. THIS WOULD APPLY IN THE NUCLEAR AS
WELL AS CONVENTIONAL FIELDS. US REP SAID, IN RESPONSE
TO COMMENTS BY DANISH AND ITALIAN REPS, THAT THE DPC
ACTIONS COULD CHANGE THE NEED FOR A SURVEY OF ON-GOING
TECHNOLOGY WORK IN NATO ENVISIONED IN THE TECHNOLOGY
STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMENT: WE WILL COMMENT AND
REQUEST GUIDANCE BY SEPTTEL ON TECHNOLOGY STUDY FOLLOW-ON

WORK. END COMMENT.

- (F) WINTEX. UK REP SUGGESTED, IN REFERENCE TO
PARA 25 OF THE AGREED MINUTE, THAT SYG LUNS OR PERMREPS
MIGHT INVITE THE MNCS TO PROVIDE VIEWS IN DUE COURSE
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ON THE TIMING AND CONTENT OF NUCLEAR WARNING AND
RELEASE REQUEST MESSAGES. SHAPE REP SAID SHAPE KEPT
RELEASE REQUEST PROCEDURES UNDER CONTINUOUS REVIEW,
AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF EXPERIENCE GAINED IN EXERCISES
LIKE WINTEX, AND THE MNCS WOULD KEEP POLITICAL
AUTHORITIES INFORMED BY ANY REFINEMENTS THEY THOUGHT
APPROPRIATE, UK REP SAID, IN REFERENCE TO PARA 27 OF
THE AGREED MINUTE, THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WANT TO SEE SOME
NEAR-TERM ACTION DIRECTED TOWARD TIDYING UP THE CNI
PROCEDURES. FRG REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES COULD PROBABLY
ACCEPT SOME STREAMLINING, BUT DID NOT WANT BASIC
QUESTIONS REOPENED. FINALLY, IN REFERENCE TO PARA 28
OF THE AGREED MINUTE, UK REP SAID MOD MULLEY'S COMMENTS
ON ADMS AT OTTAWA REFLECTED THE VIEW OF HIS AUTHORITIES
THAT IT WAS TIME TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF NATO'S ADM
EMPLOYMENT GUIDELINES. WHILE THEY WOULD PREFER TO
CONDUCT SUCH A REVIEW AS A SEPARATE ACTION, UK
AUTHORITIES COULD ACCEPT SUCH A REVIEW IN THE FRAMEWORK
OF PHASE III, PROVIDED PHASE III, WHICH THEY REGARD AS
HIGHEST PRIORITY ACTION IN THE NPG, BEGAN TO REGISTER
PROGRESS. FRG REP SUPPORTED LINKING REVIEW OF ADM
GUIDELINES TO PHASE III. HE SAID HIS AUTHORITIES
ALSO VIEWED PHASE III WITH HIGHEST PRIORITY, AND WOULD
DO ALL THEY COULD TO GET THE STUDY MOVING.

- (G) SELECTIVE EMPLOYMENT PLANNING. SHAPE REP SAID
SHAPE WAS INITIATING STEPS TO HAVE A SEP REPORT READY FOR
THE OCTOBER NPG MEETING. HE SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT
SACEUR TO FAVOR PREPARING AN ILLUSTRATIVE STUDY, AND
THOUGHT A REPORT WOULD PROVIDE A FULLER PICTURE OF
PROGRESS IN THIS FIELD. UK AND FRG REPS HOPED A REPORT
COULD BE CIRCULATED PRIOR TO THE NPG MEETING IN ORDER
TO PERMIT BETTER PREPARATION OF MINISTERS.
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2. LOOKING TOWARD OCTOBER NPG MEETING, CHAIRMAN
SUGGESTED THAT POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR THE MINISTERIAL
AGENDA INCLUDED: BALANCE BRIEFING; TNF MODERNIZATION;

NIKE HERCULES; MARITIME STUDY; AND SELECTIVE EMPLOYMENT
PLANNING. STAFF GROUP CONCURRED IN CHAIRMAN'S
PROPOSAL FOR THE I.S. TO PREPARE A PAPER PRIOR TO NEXT
MEETING ON JULY 4 TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR FURTHER
DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS ON OTTAWA MINISTERIAL FOLLOW-UP
TOPICS. COMMENT. WE WILL FORWARD THE I.S. PAPER TO
WASHINGTON ALONG WITH ANY APPROPRIATE COMMENTS AND
REQUESTS FOR GUIDANCE. END COMMENT. STREATOR

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